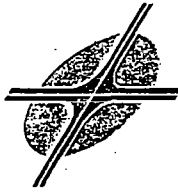


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ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

Inter-Office Memorandum

Date May 24, 1991

To Ken Rone From Daniel J. Peters

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EAST TERMINAL

The terminal operated at full staff with no work related accidents. Hearing tests were performed on all plant personnel present on Thursday. Russ Johnson missed another day of work related to his ongoing medical problems. GAB continued to work with doctors treating Russ to their treatment efforts. An inspection of employee hard hats and suspension systems will be performed on Friday. A joint safety committee meeting and group safety meeting will be held next week.

One temporary laborer continued to work in the terminal on cleanup projects. The top three candidates for the Instrument/Electrical supervisor position were interviewed.

Cement inventories were increased to 37,500 tons at the terminal. Type III sacks delivered to Rivergate were found to be contaminated with fly ash, resulting in one customer complaint. The source of the contamination was determined and corrected. A new Type III sack shipment was prepared and sent to Rivergate. The Holnam II transfer continued to be held at the minimum rate and was periodically discontinued for inventory control. Masonry chunk problems minimized the loading efficiency of this product for Holnam. Two bulk bag orders were received and filled.

Work continued on the painting of the steel scale tanks with three of the four tanks completed. Clean up began between the Group I silos and the packhouse roofs. Haight Roofing will be in on Friday to discuss the railroad car unloading roof installation completed last month.

Maintenance continued work on the 988B loader bucket cutting edge. A bearing seal air flow switch on the railroad car unloading pump was installed and interlocked. Finish mill building water line replacement

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continued. The new packhouse air compressor and dryer was put into full service. The trackmobile brakes were replaced. An electrical contractor worked on tracing wires for interlocking between the cement transfer pump and the steel scale tank equipment.

A PCB-transformer located in the main plant switch yard was found to contain PCBs in excess of 800 ppm. General Electric has removed the transformer for proper disposal.

The Radiation Materials Section has scheduled a meeting for June 11, 1991 to discuss and issue the fixed gauge level indicator license for the new G cooler.

Silica stockpiling continued at Steilacoom and will be completed early next week in anticipation of a barge sale in June.

The second major blast was completed at the Superior silica quarry. All materials needed for the 120,000 ton crushing campaign have been blasted. An air quality permit application was filed for the crushing equipment to be constructed at the quarry site. Upon approval of the permit, plant construction is expected to begin in early June. Production of crushed silica is expected by the middle of next month. Weyerhaeuser has approved our proposal for volume reconciliation at the mine site.

Wage rate information on the both terminals was forwarded to Tilbury Cement Ltd. as requested.

Stan Webb has been assigned the responsibility for obtaining quotes on elevator service for the terminal.

Work continued on staffing requirements for the new facility. Final considerations will be submitted by next week.

WEST TERMINAL

A Friday meeting has be scheduled with Cyclonaire representatives to review progress on the ship unloader punch list.

SHIPMENTS

East Terminal Sales	6834 tons
West Terminal Sales	0 tons
LSNW Shipments	0 tons